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2006 Board Meeting Dates

- July 24, 2006 11:00 a.m.
- August 21, 2006 11:00 a.m.
- September 25, 2006 11:00 a.m.
- October 23, 2006 11:00 a.m.
- November 27, 2006 11:00 a.m.
- December 18, 2006 11:00 a.m.

All Board Meetings are open to the public and are held at the Board offices located at the Division of Occupations and Professions, 911 Leawood Drive, Frankfort, KY 40601.

Have you moved, changed employers, or had a name change?

Let us know so we can keep in touch.

Don't complain if you don't let us know.

You may get the necessary form from our website.

<http://finance.ky.gov/bsw>

Supervision Contract Info

You have passed your certified social worker examination, and the Board has issued you a license as a "certified social worker". Are you now ready to engage in the practice of clinical social work? **NO**. A certified social worker must contract, in writing, with a licensed clinical social worker who is qualified to provide clinical supervision. The written supervision contract must be submitted to the Social Work Board for review and approval. No certified social worker shall enter into a practice of clinical social work until this contract has been approved by the Board and shall cease the practice of clinical social work immediately upon termination of the contract. Upon approval of the supervision contract by the Social Work Board, a certified social worker may engage in the practice of clinical social work under the supervision of a licensed clinical social worker.

The key to success: Read the application and instructions carefully before filling out the contract form. Be sure to complete the application in its entirety. You must include a current official agency job description signed by the executive director, human resources director, or agency supervisor. An incomplete application will delay the approval process by at least one month while the Board awaits needed information.



The key to success: Read the application and instructions carefully.

Report any changes to the supervision contract to the Board. Most frequent changes occur in the area of employment changes and an addition of or a change in clinical supervisor.

Please make copies of your contract for your records. It is the responsibility of the licensee to maintain proper records. Supervision shall total a minimum of 200 hours, which shall include individual supervision of not less than two (2) hours during every two (2) weeks of clinical social work practice. No more than 100 hours shall be obtained through group supervision in groups of six (6) or fewer members.

This form is available from the Kentucky Board of Social Work office and from the web site at: <http://finance.ky.gov/bsw> □

"Report any changes to the Supervision Contract to the Board immediately."



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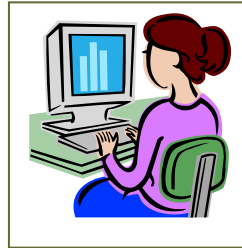
Online Renewal and Verification

Great news, you can renew your license and get verification of licensure online. It's fast, easy, and convenient.

Just go to our webpage and click on "online renewal" complete the required information, submit your payment and you're done. It couldn't be easier.

Just remember to put in the required number of Continuing Education Hours including your 3 hour in-person Ethics course.

Ethics CE's must be on the Social Work Code of Ethics as codified in 201 KAR 23:080. If you are unsure of the content, send in a Continuing Education Approval Form and the board will review for approval.



You can renew online. It's fast, easy and convenient.

You may also get verification of your licensure by going to "online verification". Select the Social Work Board and then enter your name or Social Security Number (not both) and your information will come up. Check your expiration date, issue date, or just print the verification for your employer.

All forms can be found on our website.

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Board Member News

Welcome to New Board Member Jeanie Davis. Jeanie Davis's formal education includes a Bachelor of Science from WKU, a Master's of Arts in Teaching from U of L, and a Master's of Social Work from UK. Her education was furthered a few years ago when she attended summer classes at Oxford University at Exeter College. Jeannie, a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, has a private counseling practice in her home. She does volunteer counseling and assists with the pre-marriage classes at her church.

Three years ago she began The Lexington Latin School and teaches Latin and Roman Studies to home schooled students. She holds a lifetime teaching certificate in Kentucky.

Jeannie is looking forward to serving on the Social Work Board.

Board Member, Dr. Dale Smith has recently been appointed to the Discipline and Regulatory Standards (DARS) Committee of the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB). Dr. Smith will be representing Kentucky. The DARS Committee is charged with monitoring the Disciplinary Action Reporting System. This data base contains reports of sanctions taken against social workers and is posted online for use by ASWB member.

We would also like to welcome new Board Administrator, Nina Anglin. Nina comes from a background in the financial sector and joined Occupations and Professions in February. Please feel free to call with questions anytime. Nina is looking forward to working with all of you. You may also email her at Nina.Anglin@ky.gov. Phone number: 502.564.3296 ext 230.

Disciplinary Actions

The following is a summary of disciplinary actions taken against credential holders by the Board since the last Newsletter. This summary is intended for informational purposes only. All information is believed to be accurate; however, complete items of each disciplinary action are contained in the Board's written records.

Kathy Sharp, CSW April 24, 2006

On April 24, 2006, the Kentucky Board of Social Work entered into a Settlement Agreement and took disciplinary action against Kathy Sharp, CSW. The board concluded that Ms. Sharp violated the law and regulations relating to the practice of social work. The Board and Ms. Sharp agreed to: 1) six (6) months supervision by a licensed clinical social worker approved by the board, 2) complete a three (3) semester hour course, or its equivalent, at an accredited college or university on Social Work Ethics, and 3) complete a three (3) board approved training course on supervisory practices and methods that meets the requirement for LCSW Supervision under 201 KAR 23:070 Section 3 (1)(c) by June 30, 2007.

Thomas Stigall, LCSW February 27, 2006

On February 27, 2006, the Kentucky Board of Social Work issued a letter of admonishment to Mr. Stigall for the failure to properly report an allegation of abuse under the requirements of KRS 335.150(1)(e).

Dale Psycher, CSW May 24, 2006

On May 24, 2006, the Kentucky Board of Social Work entered into a Settlement Agreement and took disciplinary action against Dale Psycher, CSW. The board concluded that Mr. Psycher violated the law and regulations relating to the practice of social work. The board and Mr. Psycher agreed to: 1) SUSPENSION of Certified Social Worker Certificate for a period of one hundred and twenty days (120), 2) submit a supervisory contract which meets the requirements of 201 KAR 23:070, KRS 335.080 and KRS 335.100, 3) complete a three (3) hour course or workshop, approved by the board, or its equivalent on social work ethics and 4) complete the board-approved three (3) hour training course on supervisory practices and methods which is required for LCSWs under 201 KAR 23:070 Section 3 (1)(c) by September 30, 2006.

LCSW Requirements

So you want to become a LCSW? There are a few things you need to know before heading down the road to LCSW.

First, you must have had a minimum of two years full time post-master's experience, consisting of at least 30 hours per week for full time, or three years of part time, consisting of at least 20 hours per week, in the use of specialty methods and measures to be employed in a clinical social work practice.

Second, you must be under a Supervision Contract with a board approved LCSW Supervisor until you pass the exam and have acquired a minimum of 200 hours of supervision, which shall include individual supervision of not less than 2 hours every 2 weeks. And have had not more than 100 hours obtained through group supervision in groups of 6 or less. And have the necessary documentation to support those hours.

Third, you must correctly complete an application and the Supervised Experience Documentation Form to send to the board for review with your check or money order for \$25, made payable to the Kentucky State Treasurer. The board will review your application information at the next scheduled board meeting.

Remember to attach the copy of your Supervisor's LCSW training certificate.

If you have out of state supervision there are other items that must be submitted, please refer to the Supervised Experience Documentation Form for that information.

All forms are available on our website:

<http://finance.ky.gov/bsw>

Please remember to fill this out correctly and in its entirety or you will have to wait for the next board meeting for approval.

You've already come this far--don't make a careless mistake that will cost you more time and money.

Remember, you must remain under supervision until the exam is passed and you are licensed as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. Supervision does not end when you have acquired the hours.

Finally, you have been approved and may take the exam.....you are prepared.

Good Luck! We will be waiting for the exam results.



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Mark your calendars!

November 10-12, 2006
2006 Annual Meeting
Association of Social Work Boards
Baltimore, MD

Website: www.aswb.org
Phone: (800) 225-6880

November 10, 2006
2006 NASW Ky Chapter Annual Meeting
Lexington, KY

Website: www.naswky.org
Phone: (502) 574-9031

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